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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Filing Date	May 23, 2000
First Named Inventor	G. M. Frankenbach et al.
Group Art Unit	1751
Examiner Name	J. R. Hardee
Attorney Docket Number	7258X
Confirmation Number	1835

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

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G. M. FRANKENBACH ET AL. :
Serial No. 09/554,969 : Group Art Unit 1751
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For CLEAR OR TRANSLUCENT AQUEOUS FABRIC
SOFTENER COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING HIGH
ELECTROLYTE CONTENT AND OPTIONAL
PHASE STABILIZER

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This replies to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 15, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment notices Applicants' submission of December 19, 2003 as being non-compliant due to failure to meet requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.121, specifically the "Amendment to the claims" section of Applicants' submission.

Applicants' response hereinbelow is compliant with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.12. Also submitted herewith is Applicants' Request for Continued Examination and Amendment filed July 29, 2003 and re-submitted via facsimile transmission on December 19, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.